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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CELEBRATE ADOPTION ***Ceremony Raises Awareness of the Need for Committed Adoptive Families***

- WHAT:** Dependent children and their adoptive parents will finalize their adoption at a court celebration conducted by a Juvenile Court Judge. In recognition of National Adoption Awareness Month, San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Foster and Adoptive Resource Family Services will participate in a court party as these adoptions are finalized.
- WHAT:** Dependent children and their adoptive families from throughout San Diego County
- WHEN:** 1:30 p.m.
Thursday November 18, 2010
- WHERE:** San Diego Superior Court
Juvenile Court Department
2851 Meadow Lark Drive, San Diego, CA 92111
- WHY:** November is National Adoption Awareness Month and a time to celebrate the successful adoptions of San Diego County's foster children. On any given day there are approximately 50-75 foster children waiting for permanent adoptive homes in San Diego County. HHSA's Foster and Adoptive Resource Family Services is continually in need of committed individuals or couples to adopt our most difficult to place children. Children of minority backgrounds, siblings groups, children over the age of five years old and children with special medical/behavioral needs continue to wait the longest for loving homes. The annual San Diego County Adoption Court Party will highlight successful adoptions of foster children and promote awareness of the critical need for more permanent homes for children in San Diego communities.

Editor's Note: Children and families will be aware of potential media exposure and will be available for interviews after the opening ceremony and before and after their individual adoption finalization hearings.

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